

STONE & THOMAS.

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Holiday Buyers

are now out—not by hundreds, but by thousands. As large a space as this store occupies, broad as are the aisles—every foot is taken up by eager shoppers (in the afternoon).

This Ad.

is written asking, for your own pleasure, to come out in the morning. You can be waited on nicely. You avoid the jostle, push and rush of the afternoon crowds. You will probably be better pleased with your purchases, when you can look and inspect without the necessary "hurry" of the afternoon. COME WHEN YOU WILL, we will serve you to the best of our ability.

We Invite You

to come and look around, whether you wish to purchase now or later. Our place is now decked in its finest.

BELOW IS INDEX OF SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

TOYS.....	FOURTH FLOOR.
CARPETS.....	
DRAPERIES.....	THIRD FLOOR.
LACE CURTAINS.....	
FURNITURE.....	
LADIES' SUITS.....	SECOND FLOOR.
LADIES' WRAPS.....	
FURS.....	
HOLIDAY GOODS.....	
MAIN FLOOR.	
DRESS GOODS.....	SOUTH AISLE.
SILKS.....	
JEWELRY.....	MAIN AISLE.
BRIC-A-BRAC.....	
RIBBONS.....	
LADIES' NECKWEAR.....	
UMBRELLAS.....	NORTH AISLE.
LINENS.....	
LACES.....	
CHINA.....	
CUT GLASS.....	BASEMENT.
LAMPS.....	
BRIC-A-BRAC.....	
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STONE & THOMAS.

P. S.—Open Every Night Until Christmas.



Don't Stand On Ceremony,

But come up and see that we can sell you the best Shoe for Ladies and Gentlemen in Wheeling for

\$2.00.

With every purchase we present you with our Beautiful 1900 Art Calendar. The finest one of the kind in the city. See them in our windows.

Locke Shoe Co.

JOHN FRIEDEL & CO.

Christmas Goods. Our Stock is Now Complete.

Fancy China, Cut Glass, Banquet Lamps, Bric-a-brac, Bronze Vases, Silver Ware, etc. Visit us and secure bargains in the great clearing out sale of goods left over from our wholesale department, shown on the second floor, as Dolls, Tea Sets, Doll Carriages, Hobby Horses, Books, etc.

Commencing Monday we will give one of our 1900 souvenirs to every purchaser.

JOHN FRIEDEL & CO.,
1119 MAIN STREET.

LADIES' SHOES.

SENSE GIFTS.

Giver her a pair of "Alexandria" Patent Leather Shoes, and whether wife, mother or sister she will appreciate the gift and the good will.

Alexander,
GOOD SHOES.
1049 Main Street.

NAY BROTHERS—SHOES.

A WORK OF ART

IS OUR
LADIES'
PATENT
LEATHER
SHOE.

Just put on our shelves to-day—the newest creation in mannish last, heavy sole waited—an imported patent leather. One of the choice gems of the shoemakers' art. See it in our window.

Would make a handsome Christmas present.

NAY BROTHERS,
1317 Market St. Mannish Shoes.

DIAMONDS.

\$50,000

Worth of Fine

Diamonds

Bought during the early spring months, before the advance began to take place.

We are preparing to offer and shall offer special low prices during this entire month.

Dillon, Hancher & Co.,
1223 Market Street.

NICOLL'S ART STORE.

GIBSON,
REMINGTON.

The two leading American artists and illustrators are well represented in our display to-day. Just added: Characteristic Western Scenes, Cowboys, Soldiers, Indians, which make suitable gifts for the men. Price \$2.50, artistically framed. Gibsons \$1.50 and up. Also a complete assortment of Pipe Racks in plainer and wood at very low prices. Come and see them.

NICOLL'S ART STORE,
Market Street.

The Intelligencer

Office: 25 and 27 Fourteenth Street.

New Advertisements.

Open Every Night 'Til Christmas—Geo. M. Snook & Co.—Eighth page.
I Don't Know What to Buy for Christmas—Henry Dehmel—Second page.
Charming Gifts—McNamee's—Second page.
Grand Opera House—Octoroon.
Opera House—Uncle Tom's Cabin.
Stockholders' Meeting.
Carrico-Quinn Hair Tonic—R. H. List.
Holiday Buyers—Stone & Thomas—Eighth page.
Holiday Offerings—George R. Taylor Company—Fifth page.
Ready for Christmas—Kraus Brothers—Fifth page.
Suitings—Morton C. Stout & Co.—Fifth page.
Christmas Goods—John Friedel & Co.—Eighth page.
Something in the House—George E. Stifel & Co.—Fifth page.

20,000.

We have fitted more than twenty thousand pairs of Spectacles, giving us a record and experience unequalled by any other optician in West Virginia. Satisfaction guaranteed.
JACOB W. GIBBS, Optician.
No. 1806 Market Street.

CARELESSNESS.

The Evil Discussed on by Dr. Sooy, at Fourth Street Church.

IN AN INTERESTING SERMON

To a Large Sunday Evening Congregation—Their Salvation is Lost to Many by Inattention to Their Soul's Interests—Few Men Saved After They Reach the Noontime of Life—Men Usually Careful of Temporal Interests.

"Carelessness in Affairs Spiritual" was the subject of an interesting discourse at the Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal church by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Sooy, D. D., last night. His talk was along revival lines, and heard by a large congregation.

Not gross sinfulness alone, but carelessness, thoughtfulness, is sufficient to destroy the soul, said Dr. Sooy in his opening remarks. He instanced a man's health and his business to show that the failure of either was sometimes due to carelessness, but no man exercised as much apathy to his health or his business as to his religion. He seemed to be sadly lacking in consideration of the duty to his soul, of looking toward the future that lay beyond the earthly goal. The speaker quoted Christ's words to the effect that a man should put forth all his efforts to obtain salvation.

Continuing, Dr. Sooy expressed surprise at men who were not alarmed about their salvation. He used the illustration of a fire bell's ringing, sending alarm to the human heart, and the people so alarmed about the probable loss of their lives or belongings seemed to betray no anxiety whatever about their spiritual life. They might not be sinful, but just the same they were careless in this respect. Or they might become so accustomed to warnings of Divine punishment and reckoning that they become careless. They became callous to warning impressions to the degree that their souls never received a moment's thought.

The speaker went on to show that there was a special time when God spoke to people, a day of grace, an accepted time, and in supporting revivals he quoted a Wheeling business man who had told him the other day that he would give anything to feel as he did one night years ago when Dr. Riker conducted a stirring meeting, on which occasion God appeared to speak to his soul with signal power. There were so many souls lost through neglect that Dr. Sooy warned his auditors to dismiss the idea that they were safe because they were not murderers, nor thieves, nor criminals of any class. If they were careless they were close to the danger line. He spoke against postponement of making one's peace with God, for this duty grew harder evidently with increasing age. In proof of the statement, he said, there were not a dozen men in the Wheeling churches who had been converted after reaching the fiftieth year of their age. Men of years were under the entanglements of sin so long they found it a great surrender to cut loose from them.

After further arguing against carelessness and putting off the time of one's conversion, Dr. Sooy closed with a forceful appeal in line with his discussion.

GIFTS for ladies is a special feature of our holiday stock.
McNAMEE, 1507 Market Street.

FOR Choice Medallions, go to The Bon Ton.

C. HESS & SONS'

Useful and Elegant Christmas Gifts at Popular Prices.

COLLARS—Always the very newest for Ladies and Gentlemen.
NECKWEAR—All the latest styles.
GLOVES—Kid, Moco, Silk and Wool.
MUFFLERS and Muffetted—Silk, Wool and Cotton.
HANDKERCHIEFS—Silk, Linen and Cambric.
SUSPENDERS—Fancy Silk, Satin and Worsted.
SHIRTS—Eligible and Monarchs in White and Colored.
KNIT JACKETS and BERLIN OFFICE COATS—Wool and Worsted.
UNDERWEAR and HALF ROSE—Wool, Cotton and Jaro's Egyptian.
UMBRELLAS—Silk and Mohair with Fancy Handles.
A Suit of Clothes, Overcoat, Pair of Trousers or Fancy Vest made to order, as we have their measures.
C. HESS & SONS,
Fashionable Tailors and Furnishers,
1321 and 1323 Market Street.

THE HUB CLOTHIERS.

A Tale of Chimneys.

Chimneys narrow, chimneys crooked, chimneys covered and small, and smoky and tall—every one is seen to puzzle jolly Santa Claus until he reaches the right one—the easy chimney, that's square and wide and low.

MORAL:

Holiday buyers are apt to be bewildered until they reach our store, where buying of sensible gifts is made easy with goods that are square, with assortment that is wide, and with prices that are low.

Men's Overcoats.....\$5.00 to \$25.00
Men's Suits.....\$5.00 to \$20.00
Boys' Short Pants Suits.....\$1.50 to \$ 8.00
Boys' Long Pants Suits.....\$3.50 to \$18.00
Boys' Overcoats.....\$2.00 to \$15.00
Children's Reefers.....\$2.00 to \$6.00
Silk Umbrellas.....90c to \$4.00
White and Colored Shirts.....25c to \$1.00
Men's Night Robes.....50c to \$2.00
Men's Ties.....25c to \$1.25
Men's Sweaters.....50c to \$3.00
Men's Oxford Mufflets.....50c to \$1.00

And hundreds of other useful articles that will please. Money back whenever you say so.

THE HUB,

FOURTEENTH AND
MARKET STREETS.

ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS.

A SUDDEN DEATH

Was That of Charles Klieves, Who Fell Dead in a Saloon Sunday.

Very sudden and unexpected was the death of Charles Klieves, who dropped dead in Joseph Barum's saloon, at No. 1922 Main street, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, while he was engaged in scrubbing the floor of the place. The body was taken to his home, in the rear of No. 2126 Jacob street, in the city ambulance. Coroner Schuitze gave a verdict of death from heart trouble. Klieves was an old cooper, but in late years has not been steadily employed.

A Parent's Protest.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

SIR:—The proposition now before the board of education emanating from the teachers and pupils of the high school to close its sessions at 2:45 o'clock each day, and but half recess at noon, would, if adopted, be very injurious to the school and pupils, in a measure a public calamity. A continuous session from 9 o'clock a. m. to 2:45 p. m., with but thirty minutes at noon for cold lunch, instead of ample time to go home for the principal meal of the day, would be too great a strain and severe privation that would have effect on the mind and body of the pupils, especially the more delicate ones.

Moreover, these children are at the age when they should not be turned out of school to run the streets nearly all the afternoon. There are but few parents who could or would cause their children to come home and remain there. In fact, there are many careless and over-indulgent parents who favor things injurious to their children and destructive to school discipline.

The public schools are moulders of character, and in many cases the principal guardians of the morals of the children. Public good demands reasonable school hours, with ample recess for the noon-day meal, and relaxation, regardless of the demands to the contrary of the pupils.

In the eyes of the law, the pupils of public schools are infants, not qualified to judge of what is for their own good; inexperienced and incapable of determining on any legislation.

It is easily understood why the six or eight teachers of the high school favor the change. Any law-making body so influenced would be weak indeed.

As the law now stands, any pupil can take noon lunch at school. The proposed change would compel all the pupils to do so. Parents would have to provide lunch for the child attending the high school and prepare dinner for their other children coming home from the ward school.

I trust the board of education will not be unmindful of the health of the children while in their care, and continue the present rules, by allowing ample time for the children to go home to their dinners.

PARENT.

Wheeling, December 10.

GAMES of every description at The Bon Ton.

NOTHING more attractive in quality, style and price, than the beautiful stock of holiday goods at McNamee's, 1507 Market street.

AN UNEVILY BEAR

Is the Animal Won by Wheeling Marksmen at West Alexander.

The little brown bear won by Mr. J. F. Shirk, one of the Wheeling team that took part in the shoot at West Alexander Friday, was on exhibition at the city building Saturday, and he was about all the boys of the police department could handle. First, he was placed in a box, with a chain attached, but he soon broke loose, and was finally chased into a cell in the lockup by Lieut. Devinney, Lieut. Michaels, Lockup Keeper Buckley and Chief Clemens, where he was confined until Saturday night, when he was boxed up and taken out to Charley Selbert's place, at Pleasant Valley, where he will remain until some lucky (or unlucky) marksman wins him at the shoot to be given here between Christmas and New Year's.

Chains.

If you are contemplating a gift in this line do not fail to inspect our generous offerings before you buy.
McNAMEE, 1507 Market Street.

GREAT sale of Holiday Books from 2 1/2 cents and upwards at The Bon Ton.

ONLY three weeks left in which to dispose of our entire stock of Carpets and Furniture. Useful Holiday Presents at your own price. Our large stock still full of the most desirable articles, which can be bought at a small fraction of their real value. Call while variety is large.

FREW'S FURNITURE STORE,
No. 1208 Main Street.

L. R. SONNEBORN'S

Sale of C. J. Beckman & Co.'s Samples commences Thursday.

WHOLESALE PRICES POSITIVELY.

NOTICE.

Until December 15 we will give a discount of 20 per cent on anything in our stock of \$70,000.00 worth of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, etc. This means a saving of 20 cents on every dollar's worth you buy at this sale.

For example—A \$4.00 Set of Solid Silver Tea Spoons costs you \$3.20.

One dozen Rogers' Silver Knives or Forks, regular price \$4.00, costs you \$3.20 at this sale.

You can select any goods you want at this 20 per cent reduction sale, and by paying a small deposit we will keep them for you until Christmas.

SHEFF BROS.,
Corner Main and Eleventh Street.

Open Every Night 'Til Christmas. Grand Electric Arch Illumination.

GEO. M. SNOOK & CO.

Surpassingly Large Lines Handkerchiefs, Purses and Umbrellas.

VOLCANO IN ACTIVE ERUPTION

Forms the background of the big china window, but greater still is the activity within this, Wheeling's greatest store! Never before were our six store rooms so crowded with merchandise and customers. Three handsome prizes given away Christmas. Save Coupons.

Hints.

Dolls, Books, Calendars, Toys, Games, Satin Pin Cushions, Art Pieces, Collars, White and Fancy Shirts, Celluloid and Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes, Paperies, Mirrors, Brush and Comb Sets, Purses, Chatelaines.

Handkerchiefs.

We say it unhesitatingly, knowing it to be a fact, this store not only has the BIGGEST Handkerchief stock, but the GREATEST VARIETY as well. Let's prove it to you: Handkerchiefs with tiny or large initials, plain, hemstitched, lace trimmed, embroidered, white, colored, linen, silk. Priced to sell quickly—2c to \$10.00.

Kid Gloves.

The BIGGEST Glove stock is likewise here. Easily proved! Ask us for anything in lined or unlined, Grace or Suede Kid Gloves; Silk or Kid Mitts or Wool Gloves—you'll find it here if anywhere. Size range takes in the largest men's and smallest children's.

Hints.

Infants' Coats, Sacques, Shawls, Dresses, Skirts, Booties, Shoes, Mitts, Baskets, Rings, Batters, Table Linens and Covers, Towels, Spreads, H. S. Linens, Hampers, Catechisms, H. S. Sheets, and Pillow Cases.

Some Kid Glove

makes we sell: The famous P. and P., "Chaumont," "Berthold," "Fontaine," Wertheimer's "Astoria," "Berthold," "Fosterina," "Fownes," "La Tosca," Alexander's "Geneva," Antonio Crespi's "Cymentina" and "Essex," etc. Special "Mannish" Cape Goat P. K. Walking Gloves for Ladies just in, \$2.00 value \$1.50. Adler's and Ireland Bros', Kid Gloves for Men.

Our Kid Gloves are all guaranteed, with the exception of a line at 68c pair.

Hints.

Furs, Jackets, Capes, Skirts, Petticoats, Waists, Wrappers, Dressing Sacques, Children's Reefers, Men's House Coats, Blankets, Rugs, Druggets, Screens, Fascinators, Leggings, Garters, Silks and Dress Goods.

Purses.

If there's a larger or choicer stock of Purses in Wheeling than ours, we've not heard of it yet, and don't expect to either. The assortment simply baffles description! Every known leather; every fashionable tint; every shape, both new and staple; every price between 5c and \$8.00. Purses with sterling and rolled gold plate trimmings. The newest English "Finger" Purses here in all leathers, silver and gold initials, at 25c and 75c, specially suitable for this class.

Hints.

China-ware, Cut Glass, Bric-a-brac, Lamps, Onyx Tables, Statuary, Jardinieres, Pedestals, Toilet and Dinner Sets, Silverware, Nut Cracks, Perfumery, Toilet Articles, Buckles, Ribbons, Useful Ebony and Sterling Silver Articles, Atomizers.

Umbrellas.

When you can choose from OVER A THOUSAND Umbrellas, why risk purchases from SMALLER stocks? We are sole sellers of the famous "Dent" Umbrellas, guaranteed for one year; the famous Jack Rose "Tight Roller" Umbrellas for Men and Women; Umbrellas that are "self-opening;" Umbrellas that are "self-closing;" small sized ones for Children; larger ones for Men and Women; Umbrellas from plainest handles at 34c each to finest gold and pearl handles at \$12.50 each. New Colored Umbrellas—a special value at 88c among them.

Just Opened—Children's Chairs and Rockers, Tool Chests, Tricycles for Boys and Girls, Men's Silk Suspenders, Ladies' Garters with Rabbit's Feet, Purses and Thermometers Attached.